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1. DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE REFTEL IN DETAIL WITH BELGIAN CCMS
COORDINATOR RENSON OCT 16 STRESSING US INTERESTS IN FORTH-
COMING PLENARY.

2 FOLLOWING IS INFO DEVELOPED AND SPECIFIC COMMENTS
RECEIVED KEYED TO PARAS OF REFTEL:
PARA 3, DELEGATION: SEE SEPTTEL FOR BELGIAN DEL.
PARA 4, ROUNDTABLE: BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED NOT
TO MAKE PRESENTATION. HAS NOTHING SPECIFIC TO RAISE
RE NEW DIRECTIONS FOR CCMS- TYPE COOPERATION AND NOTED
THAT WITH EXCEPTION OF US AND CANADA (AND SOMETIMES UK AND
FRANCE) ROUNDTABLE PRESENTATIONS TOO OFTEN WERE FOR
HOME CONSUMPTION. BELGIUM AGREES ENTIRELY WITH US
APPROACH.

PARA 5 NOT RECEIVED.

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PARA 6, POSSIBLE NEW PROJECTS: BELGIUM INTERESTED IN FRG

NEW PILOT STUDY ON AIR POLLUTION ASSESSMENT AND MODELING FROM POINT OF VIEW OF ASSESSING MODELS. ISSUE OF BELGIAN PARTICIPATION HAS BEEN POSED TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND, IF PERMISSION GRANTED, BELGIUM WILL JOIN IN STUDY. TIMING OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS' DECISION NOT KNOWN.

PARA 7, OTHER POSSIBLE PROJECTS: BELGIUM HAS NO NEW PROJECTS TO SUGGEST. POSSIBLE CANADIAN PILOT STUDY REGARDING STRATOSPHERIC JET AIR POLLUTION IS CONSIDERED TOO POLITICAL A MATTER FOR BELGIUM TO SUPPORT. FYI: BELGIUM HAS NOTED FRENCH LEFTIST AND LABOR UNION SUPPORT FOR CONCORDE IN LAST FEW DAYS AND IS SURE FRANCE AND POSSIBLY UK WILL OPPOSE THIS PROPOSED STUDY. BELGIUM WILL DEFINITELY NOT RISK ANNOYING FRANCE ON THIS ISSUE REGARDLESS OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL NATURE OF PROPOSAL AND FURTHER NOTES THAT NEITHER PERSONNEL NOR FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE. END FYI. BELGIAN INTEREST IS SLIGHT IN LOW-SPEED TURBINES FOR GENERATING ELECTRICITY FROM TIDES AND WAVE ACTION. FYI: BELGIAN OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH ENERGY MATTERS ARE LARGELY COMMITTED TO NUCLEAR MEANS FOR THE FUTURE AS SEVERAL HAVE BACKGROUND IN NUCLEAR ENERGY. THEY NOTE THAT DANGERS OF NUCLEAR ENERGY HAVE BEEN OVERSOLD TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO DISCUSSIONS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS EFFECTS AND FURTHER BELIEVE THAT ENERGY PRODUCTION BY MEANS SUCH AS LOW SPEED TURBINES, WHICH THEY ARE AWARE HAVE BEEN EXPLORED BY THE FRENCH, IN SOME DETAIL, IS NOT ECONOMICALLY COMPETITIVE WITH NUCLEAR POWER. END FYI.

PARA 8, PROGRESS OF PILOT STUDIES:

A) INLAND WATER POLLUTION STUDY. BELGIUM HOPEFUL THAT CHANGES MADE TO FINAL REPORT OF INLAND WATER POLLUTION STUDY WILL PERMIT ITS ADOPTION. BELGIUM WILL FULLY SUPPORT AND BELIEVES FRANCE NOW WILL. BELGIUM NOT CERTAIN, HOWEVER, THAT FRG WILL SUPPORT AS FRG IS SAID TO HAVE RAISED CERTAIN UNSPECIFIED PROBLEMS WITH FINAL REPORT IN ITS PRESENT FORM.
?) COASTAL WATER POLLUTION. BELGIUM WIL PROPOSE FIVE DAY EXPERTS MEETING FOR FIRST HALF OF MARCH 1975 IN BELGIUM TO BE CHAIRED BY BELGIUM AND CANADA. EXPECT 100-150 EXPERTS TO ATTEND AND SESSIONS TO SPEND TWO DAYS ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL DISCUSSION, FOLLOWED BY THREE DAYS ON RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESO-
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LUTIONS.

C) D) AND E) NO COMMENT.

F) URBAN TRANSPORTATION. SEE SEPTTEL IN RESPONSE TO STATE 224579.

G) NO COMMENT.

H) SOLAR ENERGY. BELGIUM POSITION RE PARTICIPATION AND SIGNING MOV WILL BE DETERMINED OCT 17. WE WILL INFORM.

I) NO COMMENT.

J) COMMENT UNDER H) ABOVE APPLIES.

PARA 9, FOLLOW-UP REPORTS:

A) NO COMMENT.

B) OIL SPILLS RESOLUTION. BELGIUM WILL SUBMIT PILOT COUNTRY REPORT ONLY AS, DUE TO STAFF ILLNESS, REPORT OF OIL SPILLS EXPERTS MEETING WAS NOT DISTRIBUTED IN TIME TO PERMIT ADEQUATE REVIEW. BELGIUM WILL BE READY TO SUBMIT LATTER AS SPRING WITH RESOLUTION WHICH WILL MAKE SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT TWO YEARS AND RECOMMEND ANOTHER REEXAMINATION OF QUESTION AFTER THAT THIS IS ADMITTEDLY A COMPROMISE TO KEEP UK AND SOME OTHERS ON BOARD AND NOT TO CONCLUDE OIL SPILLS STUDY IN UNSATISFACTORY FASHION.

F) NO COMMENT.

D) ROAD SAFETY. DE COSTER WILL REPORT ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY; LEFEVRE WILL MAKE COMMENTS ON MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION.

E) NO COMMENT.

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